

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Unless you intend to immediately follow that report with a pro-Kerry documentary like "Going Upriver" then I suggest you reconsider your clearly biased and illegal action.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

What you ought to be doing is providing informative unbiased reports detailing information about the important issues from both sides of this race. You should consider trying to bring real journalistic integrity to the fore by inviting commentators like Amy Goodman to host a show that doesn't just pander to your interests. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. In a climate that is increasingly wary of the actions of corporations I would think that you would want to prove that you are one to be lauded for having the public's best interests at heart. Thank you.